

Heels take Maryland, 95-85

Terps receive warm welcome ...

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When Lefty Driesell and his Maryland Terrapins were introduced to the Carolina home crowd, they received a loud volley of applause. It proved to be the high point of the night for the visitors.

The Terps should have left Carmichael after that moment of glory. What followed turned out to be nothing but a nightmare for the men from College Park.

Carolina blistered the Terrapins with a 65 per cent shooting spree and made 29 of 34 free throws to bury the visitors, 95-85, and send Driesell and company tumbling in the ACC standings. The win gave Carolina second place with a 6-3 record (19-4 overall), while Maryland fell to a third-place tie (4-4, 16-4).

The Tar Heels put on a dazzling display of power basketball in avenging a 94-88 loss in College Park. Both teams made 33 field goals, but Carolina won the game on the charity stripes by making an astounding 85.3 per cent for the game.

While Carolina was blistering the nets, Maryland was having problems. The Terps shot a mediocre 45 per cent (68 per cent on free throws) and found themselves trailing throughout the game.

The Heels were unstoppable all night, running up a 23-12 lead before the Terps knew what had hit them. It was 51-37 at the half, and the Carolina lead ballooned to 17 at 72-55 with 13:23 to go. Maryland rallied to cut it to 78-73 with 4:38 to go, but the Heels spurred again to put it out of reach.

The Tar Heels were devastating in all

phases of the game but one—rebounding. Maryland outrebounded Carolina, 38-23, but the Heels came out on top in every other statistical category. Carolina led in assists, 23-14, and committed 26 fouls to Maryland's 27. Only one Tar Heel fouled out, while the Terps lost three men to fouls.

Carolina coach Dean Smith was delighted by his team's performance against the nation's seventh-ranked team. "We're very pleased with the win," he said. "This was the type of game where we needed more depth."

The Tar Heels put together a solid team victory, as Smith was forced to use his bench liberally. Brad Hoffman came off the bench to score 12 points, including four-for-four from the field. Hoffman and Ray Hite were instrumental

in Carolina's four-corner offense near the end, handling the ball with authority and hitting the free throws.

George Karl led all scorers with 22, and Darrell Elston had a new career high of 20. Bobby Jones was tops in rebounding with eight and Mitch Kupchak had six.

The Terps were led by freshman guard John Lucas, who was the sparkplug behind Maryland's brief comeback. He had 18 points, mostly from outside. Jim O'Brien, the hero of Maryland's previous win over Carolina, made only seven of 16 shots and tallied 18. Elmore led in rebounds with nine.

McMillen was disappointed. "I don't think we played as well as we did in College Park," he said. "The home court is a big advantage."

The tall Pennsylvanian was asked about the Carolina crowd, which abstained from the unsportsmanlike conduct common in the ACC. "It's no different from any other ACC crowd," he said. "They're all the same to me. They're all again' ya."



Maryland's Tom McMillen fights for a rebound in the Terps' 95-85 whacking at the hands of Carolina Wednesday night. Tar Heel Bobby Jones and Terrapin Len Elmore try to get their hands on the ball. (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

...but Lefty's unhappy

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It wasn't Lefty Driesell at his best.

But there aren't many college coaches that would be at their best after watching their team claw within five points of Carolina only to slip and end up a long ten points back. And that was the story written by Maryland Wednesday night when they lost to the Tar Heels, 95-85.

Lefty Driesell, head coach of the ill-fated squad, had to put in a post-game show for the press. Driesell chose to start

off talking about the uproar he had started the night before: "Maryland is not leaving the ACC. I never mentioned that. I'd be just as happy not to be in the ACC. The conference causes the crowd problems. That is true about any conference, not just the ACC."

Driesell made it clear that he meant what he said to apply to every conference and not just the ACC. "Any conference makes the crowds heat up, makes the coaches hate each other more and makes players dislike each other," Driesell said. "Conferences just lead to trouble. I don't

feel any conference is worth it."

Still staying away from the game at hand, Driesell started adding air to the rumors that this will be his last year at Maryland. "I never know what I'll do from one year to the next," he said. "I don't know if I'll leave or not."

Now the controversial Maryland coach touched on the game. "North Carolina really put a beating on us. Both our and their press hurt us. We just didn't handle them that well," Driesell said. "They won with the four-corners."

Driesell claimed that he wasn't disappointed by the loss. "Nobody expected us to win tonight. We didn't do that bad out there," Driesell said. "I still believe we'll be in St. Louis (the site of the NCAA finals this year). The only loss that disappointed me was State at home."

Maryland star John Lucas had more to say after the game. "I don't think anyone can beat North Carolina when they're playing like they played tonight. And they're capable of doing this away from home."

Lucas said that he couldn't pinpoint any one thing that cost them the game. "We kept putting them on the line and they shot well," Lucas said. "It was as rough out there as the number of fouls (53) indicated."

Lucas' coach found one reason to pinpoint. "Our defense needs improving if we're going to win in this league."

Jim O'Brien, who scored eighteen points and sparked the Maryland rally, agreed with his coach. "Our defense is a little slack at times," O'Brien said. "You can't give a team like North Carolina 95 points and win."

MARYLAND	FG	FT	TP
McMillen	5-10	2-4	12
O. Brown	2-3	0-0	4
Elmore	4-9	3-4	11
Bodell	2-4	3-3	7
Lucas	8-15	4-7	18
O'Brien	7-18	4-5	18
Roy	3-7	3-5	9
Howard	2-8	0-0	4
Porac	1-1	0-0	2
Totals	33-73	19-28	85

CAROLINA	FG	FT	TP
Johnston	3-5	0-0	6
Stahl	5-7	6-6	16
Jones	3-3	0-1	6
Elston	5-10	10-12	20
Kari	9-14	4-5	22
Hoffman	4-4	4-4	12
O'Donnell	2-4	0-0	4
Kupchak	1-3	0-0	2
Hite	0-0	5-6	2
Waddell	1-1	0-0	2
Totals	33-51	29-34	95

JV's spurt to win over rough Terps

The part of the junior varsity basketball game, the one Wednesday night in which Carolina beat Louisburg College 77-59, that is the part in the beginning and middle, was an excellent display of quiet, team basketball.

The contest started evenly, the Tar Heels scoring first on a fifteen foot jumper by David Hanners in the first minute. Bill Chambers made it a four point lead seconds later, and from there, for the next 24 minutes, it was an even game.

When Louisburg took its only lead of the game, 24-23 with 3:49 left in the half, Bob Singletary came up with his usual big plays to get Carolina going

again. At 1:58, he hit on a 15-foot jumpshot. Twenty seconds later, he made a steal and hit Charles Waddell for the layup, and when the Hurricanes brought the ball down the court, he stole it again and took it in himself.

Carolina maintained its five-point halftime lead five minutes into the second half, when Danny Davis drew his fourth foul. Left without a ballhandler, Louisburg was forced into several of their 11 second half turnovers, as the Tar Heels started to pull away.

High scorer for the Tar Heels was Waddell, with 14. Tony Shaver added 12, while Mickey Bell had 10, plus grabbing nine rebounds.

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